

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Reissue Application of

Inventors: James A. SATCHELL, Jr. et al

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For: VENDING MACHINE AND COMPUTER ASSEMBLY

DECLARATION OF ERIC P. ROBINS

I, Eric P. Robins, make this declaration based on personal knowledge and recollection:

1. I am a registered patent attorney (Reg. No. 45,047) and an associate in the firm of Stevens, Davis, Miller & Mosher, LLP, who currently represents the re-issue Applicants, having previously filed a Declaration in connection with this reissue proceeding.
2. I attended a Personal Interview on April 28, 2003, at which Mr. Garland (the Examiner) and Mr. Leo Picard (the Examiner's supervisor and an SPE in Group 2125) were present on behalf of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
3. The co-inventor, Mr. James Satchell, an African-American preacher from Tuskegee, Alabama, wearing his religious collar, was also in attendance.
4. After hearing arguments attempting to overcome the rejections, Mr. Picard (if not Mr. Garland) responded by asserting to Mr. Satchell, words to the effect that "because his application was potentially worth a lot of money, it would be given 'extra scrutiny' before they would allow it to issue to you (looking directly at Mr. Satchell)."

Further declarant sayeth not.

I, further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the this application or of any reissue patent to issue thereon.

Date

13 24, 2006

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